

Wild Rice Sulfate Standard -- Proposed Timeline of Related Activities
(Note: Green shading identifies public notice and dialogue opportunities)

Last Revised: 11/18/13

		November-13	December-13	January-14	February-14	March-14	April-14	May-14 =>
Wild Rice Sulfate Standards Study ¹		Finish study -- final reports due from researchers by 12/31/13; any outstanding data will be incorporated into reports as data are available. Final reports/data shared with Wild Rice Standards Study Advisory Committee and the public.		MPCA evaluate study data and other available information (literature, data, etc.) and develop wild rice sulfate standard recommendations.		Share/discuss MPCA rec.'s regarding the standard; begin to develop technical support details.	Begin rulemaking process to designate waters subject to standard and address any recommended changes to the standard.	
"Water Used for Production of Wild Rice" (WUFPOWER) Criteria Development ²		MPCA meet with tribes, DNR and wild rice advisory committee to discuss WUFPOWER criteria development.		Public notice draft WUFPOWER criteria.	Review comments and revise WUFPOWER criteria as appropriate.	Use WUFPOWER criteria to inform process of "designating" waters subject to the sulfate wild rice standard; apply criteria for rulemaking, assessment, impaired waters list development and permitting.		
303 (d) Impaired Waters List ³	Wild rice sulfate assessments	Wait to identify and assess WUFPOWER for the wild rice sulfate standard until WUFPOWER criteria are available.				Identify and assess WUFPOWER for the wild rice sulfate standard, consistent with WUFPOWER criteria. Public notice draft sulfate-impaired WUFPOWER. Submit WUFPOWER sulfate assessments to EPA when complete. ⁴		
	All other assessments	Draft 2014 impaired waters list (minus WUFPOWER assessments) on MPCA website.	Hold public meetings on draft 2014 impaired waters list.	Public notice draft 2014 impaired waters list.	Review and respond to comments and revise draft 2014 impaired waters list as appropriate.	Draft 2014 impaired waters list due to EPA April 1, 2014. ⁴		
NPDES Permit Development ⁵		Continue to develop permits using draft staff recommendations related to identifying water used for production of wild rice. ⁶				Re-evaluate draft staff recommendations using WUFPOWER criteria.		Any permit will be put on public notice prior to issuance. ⁶

1. MN Session Laws 2011, First Special Session, Chapter 2, Article 4, Section 32 (d).
2. MN Session Laws 2011, First Special Session, Chapter 2, Article 4, Section 32 (b).
3. Federal Clean Water Act, 1972, Section 303 (d); MN Statutes 114D.25, subd. 1.
4. Depending on timing, the wild rice sulfate assessments may be submitted to EPA with the other assessments, or more likely as a separate package.
5. Federal Clean Water Act, 1972, Section 402; MN Statutes 115.03 ,subd. 5
6. Permits will be put on public notice prior to issuance; a permit could go on notice at any point in the timeline.